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SUBJECT:LETTER TO PRESIDENT ODUBER

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER BEING
POUCHED FOR DELIVERY TO PRESIDENT ODUBER.

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY PERSONAL APPRECIATION FOR THE
WARMTH AND MANY KINDNESSES SHOWN TO ROSALYNN DURING HER
VISIT TO COSTA RICA. I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR
KIND LETTER OF JUNE 3.

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ROSALYNN AND I HAVE DISCUSSED YOUR CONVERSATIONS EXTENSIVELY,
AND I WAS GLAD TO HEAR THAT THEY WERE SO USEFUL AND PRODUC-
TIVE. I WAS ESPECIALLY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF SUPPORT
FOR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE BASIC CONDITION OF LIFE AND THE
HUMAN RIGHTS OF OUR PEOPLES, TO REDUCE ARMS SPENDING, AND
TO PROMOTE DEMILITARIZATION.

YOUR COUNTRY HAS ALWAYS BEEN A LEADER IN THE AREA OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON WAYS TO STRENGTHEN HUMAN RIGHTS PROCEDURES AND INSTITUTIONS IN

THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE HEMISPHERE. OUR MISSIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS ARE ALREADY WORKING TOGETHER TO BRING TO FRUITION COSTA RICA'S PROPOSAL FOR CREATION OF A UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN RIGHTS. I WOULD LIKE TO ASSURE YOU OF OUR WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT ON THIS VENTURE. AS ROSALYN MENTIONED TO YOU, ONE OF THE ISSUES WHICH WE MIGHT ALSO ADDRESS IS THE MATTER OF POLITICAL REFUGEES. YOUR IDEA OF CHANNELING LOANS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH DEFEND HUMAN RIGHTS INTRIGUED ME, AND I HAVE REQUESTED A STUDY OF THIS ISSUE.

WITH REGARD TO THE TRADE ISSUES YOU DISCUSSED WITH ROSALYN, I HAVE INSTRUCTED THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND AMBASSADOR STRAUSS TO MAKE AN EXPEDITIOUS REVIEW OF OUR POLICIES, INCLUDING THE MEAT IMPORT PROGRAM. THIS IS A DIFFICULT ISSUE, AS YOU KNOW, BUT I HOPE THAT, THROUGH OUR JOINT CONSULTATIONS, AND WITH A REALISTIC ATTITUDE ON BOTH SIDES, WE WILL BE ABLE TO FIND A SOLUTION WE BOTH CAN ACCEPT. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING INTO WAYS TO EXPAND THE COVERAGE OF THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF TARIFF PREFERENCES ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRODUCTS WHICH ARE OF INTEREST TO YOUR COUNTRY.

I HAVE INSTRUCTED THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE UP-TO-DATE IMAGERY FROM THE REMOTE SENSING PROGRAM, AS YOU REQUESTED.

I HAVE ALSO BEEN EXAMINING UNITED STATES POLICIES TO THE DEVELOPING NATIONS OF THE CARIBBEAN, AND I FOUND YOUR IDEAS IN THIS AREA VERY USEFUL. I HAVE ACTED ON YOUR SUGGESTION THAT I ASK AMBASSADOR ANDY YOUNG TO VISIT THE REGION SOON.

FINALLY, ROSALYNN HAS MENTIONED TO ME THE DELIGHTFUL CONCERT GIVEN IN HER HONOR BY COSTA RICA'S YOUTH SYMPATHY, AND HAS TOLD ME THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THEM PLAY AT THE WHITE HOUSE. I AGREE WITH HER, AND HAVE INSTRUCTED THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND OUR EMBASSY TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF HELPING SPONSOR SUCH A VISIT.

ROSALYNN'S VISIT HAS ASSURED ME THAT OUR RELATIONS ARE BUILT ON A SOLID FOUNDATION, ONE OF MUTUAL RESPECT FOR

FREEDOM AND DEMOCRATIC VALUES. I HOPE THE TIES WHICH

UNITE US WILL STRENGTHEN AS WE CONTINUE TO WORK
TOGETHER.

SINCERELY,

JIMMY CARTER.

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